## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 6 (beginning with "In a preferred embodiment") and ending on page 2, line 10 as follows:

In a preferred embodiment the protein has the following N-terminal sequence:

Xaa-E-E-K-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-V-V-Xaa-N-A
(SEQ ID NO:1); and preferably:

Xaa-E-E-K-T-P-L-T-T-A-A-Xaa-A-P-V-V-Xaa-N-A (SEQ ID NO:2).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 17 (beginning with "This provides a sequence") and ending on page 7, line 20 as follows:

This provides a sequence with the following definite amino acids:

$$1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 13 - 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 - 18 - 19$$

Xaa-E-E-K-Xaa-Xaa-L-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-Xaa-V-V -Xaa-N -A (SEQ ID NO:1)

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22 (beginning with "If one includes") and ending on page 7, line 25 as follows:

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If one includes probable amino acids the following sequence is obtained:

$$1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 13 - 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 - 18 - 19$$

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